

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A magnetic card reader 1 is adapted to make a magnetic card and magnetic heads 4 to relatively move with respect to each other and also adapted to demodulate data, which is recorded on the magnetic card and obtained by the magnetic heads 4. This magnetic card reader 1 comprises two magnetic heads 4a and 4b arranged in a direction, in which each of the magnetic heads 4a and 4b relatively moves with respect to the magnetic card, and adapted to take in the same data from the magnetic card and to obtain two demodulated data, an error detecting portion 5 for detecting an error in at least one of the two demodulated data, and an error correcting portion 6 for correcting the error, which is detected by the error detecting portion 5, by using the other demodulated data. When a read error is detected, the error correcting portion 6 corrects an erroneous part of one of the two demodulated data into normal data by using the other demodulated data.

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